

WORSHIP OUTLINE

EASTER DAY

April 05, 2026

Prelude – MY REDEEMER LIVES (NO PPT SLIDES)

WE ARE GATHERED

Call to Worship *Singers help lead Congregation parts*

Worship Leader: Will the congregation please stand, turn and face the cross at the back for the Call to Worship, which is printed in your bulletin.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL (cross, Bible, pastors)

Worship Song 1 –RISEN TODAY

singing will start on a cue, procession will follow

Worship Song 2 – KING OF KINGS

Gathering Prayer *Pastor walks to altar mic and waits*

WL: Please Join me in Prayer.

WL: We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior.

ALL: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor from altar mic

P: We know that God shows no partiality, but welcomes and forgives all who repent and believe. Let us then confess our sin before God and one another... Almighty God...

All: in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives
and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

P: Hear what the prophets have spoken: that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Children's Message

Word – **Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 NRSVue**

Intro: The reading from Acts presents a sermon by Peter given at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer. Peter offers a summary of the essential message of the Gospel: Everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through his name. A reading from Acts, chapter 10

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. **CONTINUED →**

³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

WL: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

P: The holy gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter ...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – PASTOR STEVE

Response Song – VICTOR'S CROWN

P: Please stand for the prayers of the church.

Prayers of the Church

After each petition, please respond with:

P: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Offering Song- CROWN HIM (MAJESTY)

Communion

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.

There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution – LOVE CRUCIFIED AROSE

Post communion prayer:

P: Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending & Blessing

P: Congregation, please rise and receive this blessing...

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: You are witnesses to the resurrection; you are messengers of the gospel.

Go forth to tell the good news, preaching peace by Jesus Christ -
he is Lord of all!

ALL: Amen.

*Children are invited to come forward to the basket in the front to choose a small
instrument to play during the Sending Song.*

Please return the instruments before exiting the worship space.

Sending Song – IN JESUS' NAME

Recess – Cross, Bible, Pastors

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!